

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

FACTS ABOUT PNEUMONIA.

By Dr. Ella K. Dearborn.

Pneumonia is classed among the infectious diseases, but more likely the diplococcus-pneumonia is the result of disease, instead of the cause of it. Childhood and old age, those of lowered vitality, and those much exposed to inclement weather and alcoholic devotees are especially liable to pneumonia, and, having had it once, are predisposed to the second attack.

The death rate in the United States for pneumonia averages about 25 per cent and stands next to consumption (tuberculosis) in frequency as cause of death. It usually begins with a hard chill, and is followed by a high fever, with pain in the lungs and a short, catchy respiration and a peculiar flushing of the face on the same side of the afflicted lung, for, fortunately, it more often involves but one lung, and should it be the left-side, heart involvement seriously complicates the case.

When taken with a chill it is always best to call in your physician, for a chill usually means trouble ahead, and it is unwise to waste time in home experiments. Put the patient in bed, in a well ventilated room, preferably an upstairs room with southern exposure, and keep an even temperature of 68 degrees. On the chest, both back and front, and cover with a layer of lamb's wool. Avoid cold compress and ice packs. The food should be light and easily digested, as broths, soups, milk, whey, or well beaten eggs, given raw, and not much of anything at a time, save cold water and fruit.

Visitors should not be admitted to the sick room; it is bad enough to be sick, without being critically inspected by curious friends, who usually feel doleful stories or maintain a hopeless silence and wear weary, begone countenances that would strike terror to a burglar. If the patient is able to care, whether you do or do not call, a card expressing sympathy and good wishes, or a flower, will bear your message, and will not injure the patient.

FARMERS' SHARE IN PROSPERITY.

By Maj. Edwin C. Hardy.

To-day the American farmer occupies a position of preeminence in the realm of industry and commerce. He is the largest contributor to the wealth of the nation. He does more than any other class for the general welfare. He is the chief factor in the country's prosperity, of which he is enjoying, and most deservedly, a liberal share.

What the agricultural producers or the United States have done is graphically set forth in the annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture. What the possibilities of the future are may be conjectured from what has been achieved. The product of American farms this year was more than \$2,000,000,000 greater

than that of seven years ago. What will be the figure seven years hence? It is not unreasonable to assume that they will be doubled, perhaps trebled, before the half-century is reached.

Secretary Wilson shows that the corn crop may be increased by one-half within twenty-five years from old soil, and that the cotton crop may be trebled without a miracle. In all other respects agricultural production, under improved conditions of cultivation, will increase. Those who are apprehensive that population may outrun the means of subsistence will find no support for their theory in the facts presented in the agricultural report.

As to the farmer, Secretary Wilson draws a cheering picture of his present condition. He has become a large participant in the better conditions of life which he has so materially helped to bring about. Every generally he has attained financial independence. In the Middle West a million agriculturists are debt free and are lending to the banks. More capital is being invested in improving farms. The farmer is becoming a traveler, and he has his telephone and his daily mail and newspaper. A new dignity has come to agriculture along with its economic strength.

To-day the intelligent and progressive farmer keeps in touch with the world. He is posted on the markets. He is informed respecting conditions that affect his interests. He gives thoughtful attention to whatever will improve his own affairs.

PATIENT WOMAN IS A MENACE TO THE HOME.

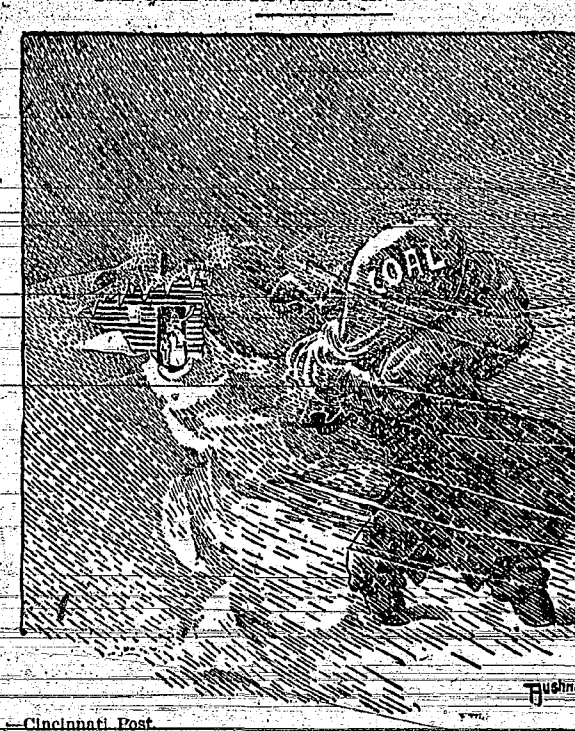
By Della Austin.

The development of judgment and reason has taught woman that beneficence is a masculine accomplishment which only needs a little practice to be acquired. The other day a woman was telling a friend that her husband was the best of men until something displeased him, and then he was dreadful. The wise woman counseled that the next time this man worked himself into a tantrum his wife should screw herself up to the same pitch. "I couldn't do that," exclaimed the doleful wife; "it would be rude and un-ladylike."

The patient woman may be a reformer, but like other mortals, she must expect to sacrifice herself to the cause. She may be good and virtuous, and still her domineering husband will do as he likes. It is the man who is married to a woman who does not waste any sympathy on him that usually proves himself to be a model husband.

This does not mean that the sensible woman spends her married days quarreling and making up. She knows that she needs tact and judgment to succeed as a wife as in every calling. She conserves her energy, and when she expends it she uses it to good advantage. When she wants to kick she does not give the husband a timid, modest thrust, but like the successful football player, she waits until she can send it into the covered goal.

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS IN THE NORTHWEST.



BURN BARNS FOR FUEL.

Many Dakota Farmers Have Nothing Left But Smoke.

All the world now knows of the distressing privations on the great western prairie just passed through by the ambitious settlers owing to the coal and fuel famine, but few realize the utter destitution caused by the need for fuel.

There have been many times in history when people were forced to burn trees to keep warm, but never before on the prairie has fuel been so scarce. One hundred and fifty miles southwest of Fargo, N. D., is a settlement of Russian farmers who have recently come to the State. When the coal question came up and the railroads could not supply fuel there was nothing for them to do but chop up their outbuildings for fuel to cook with. The question of keeping a steady fire for heating purposes was at an end.

One family named Rosoff, which came to the State in the spring, had no fuel in the house nor oil for lamps. The stable was used for cooking purposes and the other outbuildings followed. The horses and the cattle were turned loose to seek shelter on the prairie and to be victims to any blizzard that might overtake them. Then the platform around the pump was made into fuel, then the wagon boxes and later the wheels.

Everything about the farm except what was needed about the house to keep out the cold was burning long enough to cook the beef and make the coffee. The family are well after the awful ordeal. They say it is worse than in Russia, for there they have plenty of fuel.

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One of the luckiest things connected with the coal famine was the fine weather. While it was very cold through South and North Dakota, there were no storms. Had a blizzard swept over the country while the weather was so fine, it is probable there would have been a great loss of human life and of live stock.

Real estate men fear a fall in land prices, owing to the fuel situation this winter. They claim that inasmuch as the railroads have been unable to haul coal to them and the grain from them there will be a much greater shortage of cars in the year to come unless something is done to relieve the congestion. No one can devise a plan.

In South Dakota the great elevators are overflowing with wheat and corn and other grains are being stored away on the farm in the best way possible. The stock is the only thing the farmers and ranchmen are able to move. This provides them with plenty of money, but money cannot buy coal.

In the western part of North Dakota are many hundreds of people who want to last summer to secure cheap lands. They went with small amounts of money and spent it in getting as much land as they could. They built insufficient houses to keep out the cold and then when the cold came and the coal and wood ran out the suffering was intense.

American Suffragists Criticized. Lady Cooke, one of the leading women suffragists of England, who has just completed a brief of investigation of the suffrage movement in the United States, said before a gathering for home that it was apparent that American women are satisfied to rest content with the privileges granted to their sex through the war.

Then the brave lifesaver, hero of many rough seas in the past, made an explanatory gesture toward the sky, and said:

"What, in this rain?"—Harper's Weekly.

The Milky Way. The Milky Way in the heavens is composed of myriads of fixed stars, but it is not true that they have any influence that anybody knows of on the direction of the wind or other element of the weather of the earth. Their apparent changes of position are due only to the changes of position by the earth in its daily and annual revolutions. The stars in the Milky Way are so far from the earth that it takes thousands of years for the light from them to reach us.

Which is there more of in the world—abuse of men by women and of women by men, or courting?

Make the stories you tell on a rainy day as short as possible, especially if you tell them under an umbrella.

TO MAKE SWAMPS USEFUL.

Under Proposed Plan They Would Drain and Reclaim the Home.

An effort will be made during the present session of Congress to commit the federal government to the policy of draining swamp lands all over the country and to reclaim them for the use of the people. The bill will be introduced by the Senator from California.

The measure provides for the drainage of all swamp lands under the auspices of government engineers. The measure provides for the creation of a fund for conducting the drainage operations on the installment plan, Congress to appropriate a million or two dollars every year until the sum of \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000 is on hand. As land is reclaimed from an submerged or partially submerged condition, the bill will provide for its sale, and the proceeds therefrom will be converted into the drainage fund.

This is similar to the plan under which the national reclamation or irrigation law operates. The vastness of the project involved in the bill can be understood when it is stated that the total area of swamp lands in the United States is roughly 75,000,000 acres, or about 120,000 square miles. This is over half as large as the whole German empire and greater than the area of most States in the Union.

Virginia and New Jersey contain a large part of the total in the United States. In the latter State, the swamp lands are roughly 1,000,000 acres, or about 1,600 square miles. This is over half as large as the whole German empire and greater than the area of most States in the Union.

Michigan contains nearly 6,000,000 acres of swamp lands. Minnesota contains more than that.

In the Commonwealth of W. J. Bryan declares that even if the President desired a re-nomination the Republican party would not give it to him. Bryan appears to think that Roosevelt's refusal to accept the nomination of the Republican party is a sign of weakness.

United States Senator Bailey said his last assurance of support from a majority of the Texas Legislature and asserted that he had never concealed the fact that he had borrowed large sums of money from H. Clay Pierce, the oil company official.

A mass meeting at Cooper Union, New York, adopted resolutions urging the passage of the Lodge resolution by the Senate. Dr. H. Gratton Guinness, acting director of the regions beyond the mission, said it was impossible to duplicate the horrors of that country.

The one powerful Populist party of Kansas has decided to formally disband and throw the remnants of its strength to the Republican organization. Chairman Hanna of the State committee says that the Populists have been the forerunners of the present Republican policy.

Poligney Bigelow, the man whose criticism of canal methods was assailed by the former Republican leaders, and Secretary of the National Association of Manufacturers, said it was impossible to duplicate the horrors of that country.

The Japanese ambassador, Viscount Aoki, in an address to the Japanese business men of New York, urged his fellow countrymen to study English and form multinational alliances with wealthy American families. He declared the segregation of Japanese children in San Francisco, also, admitted that it would be necessary to exclude some of the undesirable Japanese elements.

An organization has been formed in New Jersey to be known as the People's Lobby. It is composed of independent Republicans and Democrats, and will have branches in every county. Its purpose will be the collection and dissemination of information regarding legislation and the attitude of members of the Legislature so as to secure the widest possible publicity as to legislation.

State Comptroller Berry of Pennsylvania has refused to approve the bills of J. H. Sanderson and Joseph M. Huston on account of furnishing equipment and professional services for the new capital to the aggregate amount of \$188,000.

Notwithstanding the reported successful experiments of Dr. W. J. Morton of New York in treating cancer by means of trypsin, the recent tests made in the London cancer hospital have not met with success. The hospital authorities say that they still know of no successful treatment beyond the use of the knife.

THE LAUGH OF A CHILD.

There's the laugh of the dawn in the waking east,
And the laugh of the noonday sky;
The laugh of the breeze, the delicious laugh
Of the flame when the night-wind sighs.

There's the laugh of the stars, and the meadow brook,
Of the sea, and the festal wine;
The frivolous laugh, and the wonderful laugh
Of the heart at affection's shrine.

There's the laugh of the rose at the setting moon,
When the night has down away,
But the happiest laugh, the merriest laugh,
Is the laugh of the child at play.

—Boston Transcript.

Saving the Flyer

ROUGHING DANNY. The crackling camp fire Danny slivered miserably as the damp fog penetrated his thin clothing and chilled him to the bone. He drew his knees up, huddled himself in his ragged blanket.

He was alone in the camp, for the man had gone to do some work up the road.

He had been dreaming of home just before he awoke—the dear old home back in Missouri, where he and his mother had kept house together after father had gone to seek a fortune for them all farther West. But that was a long time ago, when Danny was quite a little chap, and since then many sad things had happened. First, father's letters had ceased to come, and then after a while the home had been given up, and Danny and mother had entered upon dark and troubled days. And now there was no mother any more, and Danny, left alone in the world, was manfully trying to make his way out to San Francisco, where he vaguely hoped he might find his lost father. Danny had fallen in with a repair gang of railroad men, and agreed to do odd jobs about the camp for a little money he would need when he reached San Francisco.

But though Danny was a brave little lad, there was a big lump in his throat as he tried to tell himself more snugly in his blanket. And somehow the strange, solemn stillness frightened him. There was no sound of life any where.

And just then happened the strangest thing that Danny had ever known. Without a warning of any sort, the earth suddenly heaved and rocked beneath him, slinging him violently over. There was a crashing sound, as of rocks falling and breaking close by, and the same instant the burning pine logs from the camp fire were scattered all around.

Danny was too terrified to scream. The thought crossed his mind that this was perhaps the end of the world, and he felt sick and faint, as well as frightened, but he managed somehow to scramble to his feet, and tried to think what had happened. Then, recalling the strange stories he had heard over the evening camp fires, it flashed across his mind that this must be one of the mighty tremors old Morgan, the foreman, had often told him of. Danny had thought he would not know what it was.

"Don't you fear but what you'll reckon a trembler when you feel it," Morgan had said to him, grinning. "An't nothin' else in all creation

kin do the stunts an earthquake kin, once it gets agoin'. Earth just opens her mouth good an' wide, an' swallows up ever'thin' in sight."

From somewhere far to the eastward there shivered through the fog the distant whistle of a locomotive. Danny knew it must be the westbound overland flyer, which passed the camp early every morning. He groped his way toward the tracks. Suddenly he stumbled over a ridge of rocks. Creeping cautiously along on hands and knees, he soon discovered that the track was all torn up. In places the wooden ties stood on end in a jumbled heap, and the rails, wrenched from their fastenings, were twisted and broken.

With a great terror clutching at his heart, Danny sprang up hastily and rushed back to the camp, stumbling as he went. He thought of nothing but the train, with its precious load of humanity, speeding on to destruction. He must save the train or die trying.

Snatching a blazing brand from the fire he ran with it up the track. The splintered ties tore his bare feet, and several times he stumbled over the wreckage, but he stopped for nothing.

The hope began to die away in his heart. And then, suddenly, the engineer leaned out of his cab, and

caught sight, through the gray blanket of fog, of Danny's waving torch. Flushing on the brakes and shutting off the steam, he brought his great throttling engine to a standstill. The train's length beyond the boy.

When some of the passengers and trainmen went back to look for Danny, they found him sitting at the side of the track, looking very white. The train had swept him off his feet.

"Mighty brave little chap!" said some one near the door. "There are three miles of track sunk clean out of sight just ahead of us. If it hadn't been for him—"

But just then another face, that Danny somehow seemed to know, smiled tenderly down on him; and the next thing he knew a big man was on his knees beside him, and all at once everybody's eyes seemed to be filled with tears.

"My boy! my boy!" the big man sobbed, brokenly. "To find you here, like this, after going back to the old place to look for you!"

And then Danny knew just what the wonderful thing was that had happened. He had found his father at last!—Pennsylvania Grit.

All Details Argued. "Dear," whispered the sleeping lover, "what shall we do with the rope ladder? We shouldn't leave it hanging there."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the coy damsel. "I'll send her to pull it up again so we couldn't get back."—Pittsburgh Press.

RESTORED CONFIDENCE.

Mrs. Potter had spent a week at the mountains, and naturally her neighbors piled her with questions as to what she had seen and how she had enjoyed her visit. "We all know you're fond of your house and home," said one of the neighbors, "but wasn't it a kind of a relief not to have to think of washing and ironing and baking and sweeping for a good long week and just feast your eyes on views and sights?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Potter, with an absent-minded expression, "but course the mountain views are grand. I took a good look at 'em morning and night, and sometimes before."

"For the birds' sake!" cried the neighbor. "What did you do the rest of the day?"

"Well," said Mrs. Potter, looking as if she had been detected in a crime, "that woman we boarded with, she'd been using some kind of washing powder that had eaten holes in her clothes and table linen, and she didn't know how to make her own soap, nor she didn't understand the ins and outs of a boiled dinner."

"She had only been married a year, and she was brought up away from New England, so you couldn't expect anything different. But as I said to Anna, my duty lay clear before me."

"You take in the mountain views," I said, "and I'll see what I can do at the kitchen end of the house."

"To tell the truth," and little Mrs. Potter looked as nearly defiant as was possible to a woman of her size and with her features, "those mountains kind of overbore me, but that kitchen made me feel as if I was some account after all!"

No Inconsiderate. The crew of a certain life-saving station on the New England coast has had little to do of late because of the rarity of wrecks in that immediate vicinity.

Nevertheless, the crew had in the past frequently proved its bravery and efficiency.

One rainy day, at the appointed time, the crew failed to appear at practice. The summer-borders on the veranda of the hotel waited in vain for the exhibition which should vary the monotony of a dull day. Finally one of them went over to the quarters of the crew to learn the reason.

"Aren't you going to practice to-day?" asked he.

"Not to-day, sir."

"Why not?"

"Then the brave lifesaver, hero of many rough seas in the past, made an explanatory gesture toward the sky, and said:

"What, in this rain?"—Harper's Weekly.

Sunday School.

LESSON FOR JANUARY 6.

God the Creator.—Genesis 1:1-25.
Golden Text.—In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.—Gen. 1:1.

Ever since geology became a practical science the first chapter of Genesis has been regarded as a field for controversy between those who accept the Bible as God's book and those who prefer to look upon it as man's book. It is important that the rising generation should understand the facts of the case, that they may not fall into the meshes of the controversy made on either side of this controversy. The Bible is God's book. That is proved by what the Bible has accomplished wherever it has been honestly accepted as God's revelation of Himself. It is proved, too, by the experience of every individual who has honestly and prayerfully sought to find God by studying the Bible. It is proved, moreover, by the fact that while the Bible consists of a series of writings by many different individuals in different ages, it has welded itself together so that its bitterest enemies dare not even propose to separate its component parts. It is proved still further by the fact that though its detractors claim to be much more enlightened than any of the writers of the Bible, and though many of them are far more gifted by nature and education than most of the writers of the Bible, no one of them dares to offer any production of his own or any joint production of all the brilliant minds of the present day as a substitute for the Bible.

These are facts which no candid, thoughtful person can deny. On the other hand, nature is also God's book; it is a revelation to us of the thoughts of God and of His methods of working. That is equally undeniable. Each of these revelations is infallible when properly understood, and as both are true there cannot be any real conflict or contradiction between them. The supposed conflict between science and the Bible has been due entirely to misconceptions in the minds of men.

Notes.—In the Beginning.—That beginning may have been hundreds of thousands of years ago or many millions of years ago, but however far back there must have been a beginning.

There must have been a time before the sun, moon and stars were formed and before earth received her form. The scientists place that epoch at widely different periods of time. Geological periods are of vast duration, but when it comes to cosmic periods, to reckoning how many years it took the solar system to form out of one bit of nebula, and how our members to solidify to their present density, then, indeed, the question of time becomes altogether "nebulous." Yet there is this one certainty, that there was a beginning and the world ran down and no rest nor any sane idea with regard to the origin of things, save in regarding God as the Creator.

Waste and Void.—The earth was sterile; it had come into some form, for there was water, but it was a waste and void, and the nebulae stage. But why the darkness that preceded the appearance of light? There may have been an atmosphere so saturated with moisture and other substances that those that now form the air that the light of the sun could not pierce through it. As the earth cooled the atmosphere would become clearer and the difference between night and day would be marked. The nature of the atmosphere seems to be drawn up, it would have appeared to a dweller upon the earth. The sun must have been shining in the heavens all the while, but as yet in so far as the earth was concerned God had not divided the light from the darkness.

Division of the Waters.—Even when the light had struggled through a turbid atmosphere, the air was full of steam or fog. But finally the sun's rays began to dry the water in the air, not rest so much upon the land and sea, but rose to the upper air in the shape of clouds. The air or atmosphere is here called the firmament. From this time on there was water upon the earth and water away above the earth, with a clear sky between.

The Dry Land.—Still, however, the earth was a very wet place. There was no dry land, or at all events, he land that stood above the water. The sun's rays of affairs gave way to ability. Continents and seas took the place of bogs and shipwreck water, and at last the soil was ready for plants and the sea for fishes, which God called into existence.

Sun, Moon and Stars.—Up till now, we may suppose, the clouds were still so thick that the sun and other heavenly bodies could not be seen from the earth. In any case, of course, the sun was created at least as soon as the earth, although it must have taken much longer to become condensed to its present size.

It is quite possible, of course, to believe that God made the earth first and the other bodies afterwards; but God moves so far as we can discover, in a harmonious way, as well as in a mysterious way. "His wonders to perform," and where we see a great, harmonious, reasonable, and beautiful order, it is reasonable to suppose that God, in His creation took the course indicated by it. That has proved to be so over and over again.

Living Things.—As to the order of the creation of living things, the account given in Genesis indicates some such progression as scientists have taught us to contemplate in what they call evolutionary processes. They tell us that low forms of life have given place to higher and these to higher yet, until after the lapse of long ages we have very diverse forms connected with one another save in a remote parentage, the annals of which have for the most part necessarily been lost. The fishes and sea animals are of a comparatively low type. The reptiles come higher in the scale, and the birds are a branch attached to the reptiles. Higher of all are the mammals, back-boned animals provided with limbs. So, you see the Genesis account of the creation is in general terms quite consistent with the facts revealed by science.

Dangers.—Eva—Count Brokenman was sinking for the third time, right by the launch I was in.

"Katharine, Gracious! And did you offer him your hand?"

"Eva—No, I was afraid he would accept it."

He Knew.—Teacher—Now, Tommy, we reach bridges. Which is the most expensive bridge in the world?

Tommy (whose mother plays)—Bridge whist, ma'am.

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1000—Sara Constant, Godspeed and Discovery, sailed from England for Virginia.

1020—Plymouth, Mass., founded.

1021—English Commons claimed freedom of discussion.

1080—Sir Edmund Andros reached Boston as Governor of New England. William of Orange entered London.

1710—First issue of Boston Gazette.

1745—Prince Charles Edward, son of James III. of England, won battle at Penrith.

1777—Washington moved his troops to Valley Forge.

1807—Napoleon published Milan decree... Embargo laid by Congress on American ships.

1810—Fort Niagara taken by the British.

1814—Treaty of Ghent, between Great Britain and America signed.

1838—London and Greenwich railway, first line in London, opened.

1840—Col. Doniphan, in command of 1,000 Missouri volunteers, defeated force of Mexicans at Buena Vista.

1847—Arab chief, Abd-el-Kader, surrendered to the French.

1854—Steamer Westmoreland sunk in Lake Michigan; 10 lost.

1850—Hugh Miller, famous English geologist, committed suicide.

1860—South Carolina seceded from the Union.

1861—Battle of Drainesville, Va.... Stone fleet sunk in Charleston harbor.

1862—Confederates recaptured Holly Springs, Miss., taking the garrison prisoners.

1864—First bombardment of Fort Fisher. Gen. Sherman entered city of Savannah.

1871—President Grant issued proclamation abolishing discriminating duties on Spanish imports.... Fourth National bank of Philadelphia failed.

1872—Second trial begun of Edward S. Stokes for murder of James Fisk, Jr. Barrum's museum, New York City, destroyed by fire.

1880—Electric street lighting introduced in New York.

1890—Isaac Sawtelle convicted at Dover, N. H., of murder of his brother Harlow.

1891—Collision on Hudson River railroad at Hastings, N. Y.; 14 killed.... The Queen steamship Abyssinia burned at sea.

1894—First Parish councils elected in London.

1902—Wireless message sent across the Atlantic.

1908—River bridge opened.

1909—Great strike in St. Petersburg.

American Standards Analyzed. Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, in an address on the larger and higher life of the nation, at New Rochelle, N. Y., paid up the usual compliment of being a Hercules among nations, saying: "The only thing that we have to do is to make ourselves a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at Washington, but this was not enough. Those responsible for the country's future must ask: 'What are the ideals of the nation?' Are we seeking only material development, or are we striving for the higher life? He referred to our pride in a big navy and the ostentation of our cities over the cities of other nations, and said: 'The nation is a nation of standards, and we are at least possessed of a big stick at

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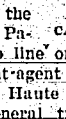
THE PUBLIC

William Henry Moody, who has assumed his duties as associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, has had the honor of having filled two cabinet positions before ascending the Supreme bench. He has been Secretary of the Navy from May, 1902, until July, 1904, when he became Attorney General, a position he has just relinquished. Before entering the cabinet Mr. Moody had served nearly four terms in the House of Representatives as Congressman from the Sixth Massachusetts District. Prior to his election to Congress he had served as district attorney for the eastern district of Massachusetts. Mr. Moody was born in Newbury, Mass., in 1855. He received his education at Phillips Academy, Andover, and at Harvard University, and practiced law successfully before he entered the field of politics.

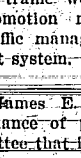
Captain George J. Grammer, who has been elected vice president of the consolidated system of railways and given charge of the freight traffic, is one of the noted railway men of the country. He was

started in life as a cabin boy on a river boat, and subsequently became superintendent of the old Evansville, Paducah and Cairo line of boats. There he became freight agent for the Evansville and Terre Haute Road, and in 1890 became general traffic manager of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois. Subsequently he became president of three Indiana roads, and then was chosen traffic manager of the Lake Shore, holding that position until this year, when he became vice president of the Vanderbil system, with charge of traffic west of Buffalo. "The last promotion makes Captain Grammar the traffic manager of the entire Vanderbilt system."

CAPT. GRAMMAR.



James E. Watson, who holds the balance of power in the House committee that is considering the ship subsidy bill, which he formerly opposed—but which he now favors, represents the Sixth Indiana district and was first elected to Congress in 1894. He created the veterans' pension bill, William S. Holman born in Warsaw was born in Winchester, Ind., in 1804, and received his education



J. E. WATSON.

DOCTORS MISTAKES

Are said often to be buried six feet under ground. But many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from indigestion disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous prostration, another from neuritis, and so on. And this way they present alike to themselves and their easy-going or over-busy doctor, separate diseases, for which, however, the assumption is made that they are all one and the same. In reality, they are all only symptoms caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause, prescribes a different remedy for each, until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, the reason of the wrong treatment, but probably worse. A **Favorite Prescription**, directed to the cause would have entirely removed the disease, thereby eradicating all those distressing symptoms, and ending the suffering. For the sake of prolonged misery it has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

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THE PROGRESS OF THE CANADIAN WEST.

Early 300,000 of an increase in Canadian immigration in 1900. The progress of the country cannot be better ascertained than by noting a increase of railroad mileage in its transportation system, and judged by its standard, the Canadian West leads the countries in the world during the current year. Thirty years ago there was not one hundred miles of railroad west of the Great Lakes, and little prospect of a transcontinental route for many years to come. It by the end of 1880 the Canadian Pacific Railway was within measurable distance of completion, and last year twenty years later, fully 6,000 miles of railroad traversed the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In the past year this work of railroad construction has been vigorously prosecuted, and by the end of 1900 some 6,000 miles of completed railroad has been added, making a total of fully 12,000 miles in the three great grain-producing provinces of Canada. Such an increase in the transportation facilities of the country is bound to make good times not only in the districts where the railroads are being built, it throughout the entire west. Allowance of \$20,000 a mile for construction, the sum of \$100,000,000 will be put in circulation, and this in itself should be good times to prevail in a land where work is plentiful, wages are high, and the cost of living is moderate.

But the building of new railroads through Western Canada means a direct benefit to the country that is merely the money put in circulation by way of cost of construction. Additionally, new railroad building means the opening of new agricultural districts and an increase in the number of people largely in the form of capital and foreign men.

the erection of elevators that the growth of villages, towns and cities; and every day the thousands of immigrants, the great influx of national life, the opening up of additional thousands of free home lands so extensively advertised by the Canadian government agent, whose address appears elsewhere.

It was stated on the floor of the Canadian Parliament, recently by a prominent representative, that ten years from now would see the bulk of the population of Canada residing west of the Great Lakes, and if the work of a half-century building during the present year is any criterion, the prophecy stated by the Canadian statesman may be easily fulfilled inside of the time stated. During the present year no less than 189,040 persons have found homes in the Canadian West, of whom 57,739 were Americans who have seen the great possibilities of this new West and have decided to cast their fortunes with it. Certainly, our nation has more to be proud of than the fact that the record, and deserves the success, that appears to be the conjugate way.

"The World's Weest"
This world's an endless wave of weest
Where man but wakes to sigh;
Moment never yet was found
Below the arching sky—
The thin man mourns because the flesh
Is thin upon his bones;
The lady with the double chin
Looks it not as light and green,
The childless man would give his all
To have a child to love and ween.

A downy bestreaks the maiden's lips—
 Therefore she muses about—
 The strong man's heart is sore because
 His hair is falling out—
 Chicago Record Herald

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 Color more good, brighter and faster colors than any
 many small tubs, dipping spout. Write for free

Rather suggestive.
"You look worried, count?"
"And I am worried, monsieur. I
ze rich young lady's house to au
for her hand and I fall over ze burglar
alarm."

"Well?"
"Zen-I quick arise and tell ze father
make a mistake."
"And what'd he say?"
"He asked where ze mistake was?"

ELEVEN YEARS OF ECZEMA.

**Hands Cracked and Bleeding—Nerve
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Brought Prompt Relief.**

"I had eczema on my hands for
about eleven years. The hands crack
and open in many places and bleed. O
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came off. I had often heard of cur
by the Cuticura Remedies, but had
no confidence. In then as I had tried
many remedies, and they all had fail
to cure me. I had seen three doctor
but got no relief. Finally my husba
said that we would try the Cuticu
Remedies, so we got a cake of Cuticu
Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment, a
two bottles of Cuticura Resolve
Pills. Of course I keep Cuticura Soa
all the time for my hands, but the o
cake of Soap and the box of Cuticu
Ointment cure the hands. It is su
ly a blessing for me to have my han
well, and an very grateful to the
Cuticura Remedies and I can now
commend them to all suffering with eczema.
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Keep Your Blood Pure.

No one can be happy, light-hearted a
healthy with a body full of blood a
can do its duty to every part of
of its impurity; therefore, the first a
most important work in hand is to pu
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full benefit of a healthy circulation. I
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Brand's Pills have been in use over a century and are sold in every drug and medicine store, plain or sugar-coated.

In two years, the sale of American electrical goods in Egypt fell from \$500,000 to \$200,000, while that of Germany increased to \$115,000.

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There's a lot of fun being in politics if you aren't running for office.
Next to fooling our parents, the easiest thing is to fool ourselves about our virtues.
A man could make a heap of money writing twice as much on losing with the horses.
A girl has an idea she could invest a man if she's interested in him, a woman that she might if she were.
New-York-Picks.

The British naval gun throws a missile weighing 1,100 pounds; the 6-inch weighs 100.

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There are two classes of persons as to the quality of what they buy of articles of exceptional merit, and elsewhere when a dealer offers an article; but, unfortunately, there are who allow themselves to be influenced by beneficial effects if they do not get To the credit of the druggists that nearly all of them value the integrity and the good will of the imitations of the


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The phenomenal increase in railway mileage, main lines and branches—has put almost every portion of the country within easy reach of churches, schools, markets, shops, fuel, and every modern convenience.

THE NINETY MILLION BUSHEL WHEAT CROP of this year means \$60,000,000 to the farmers of Western Canada, apart from all the other crops.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 3.

Lansing is not forgetting that President Roosevelt is to be her guest next May, on the occasion of the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the first Agricultural College on this continent. The splendid, four-story building of the Y. M. C. A. will be ready for dedication at that time, and the president has been invited to deliver a dedicatory address, and has given a conditional acceptance. Mr. Roosevelt was in Lansing six years ago, in the McKinley campaign, and made a speech in a big tent near the Michigan Central depot with Senator Allison of Iowa as a companion speaker.

Illinois has over \$100,000 in the state game fund, and an annual income of as much more. The money comes from a license fee that every hunter of any kind of game has to pay his home county. Hunters also have to get licenses in every other county where they desire to shoot. One of the propositions is to have such a law enacted for Michigan at the coming session of the legislature. It is estimated that such a law, with a provision for a \$10 license for nonresidents of the state, would produce an annual revenue for Michigan of at least \$50,000.

Secretary Taft has received advice from Governor Magoon at Havana indicating that more or less unsettled condition of affairs existed in certain parts of Cuba and that in Santa Clara province some lawless bands are operating and pillaging. Therefore, at the Governor's instance, General Bell has ordered a considerable reinforcement of the garrison of American troops in that province. For the first time since the second occupation it has become necessary for the troops to undertake themselves the suppression of these disorders, instead of leaving this task to the native Cuban rurales, which is regarded as an indication of the inability of the Cuban civil authorities to permanently maintain peace in the island. General Bell, in company with General Wint, who will succeed him Jan. 1, in command of the American troops in Cuba, is now making a tour of the island with special reference to the military necessities in case further disturbances occur.

The statement made by Dr. Hal C. Wyman of the board of corrections and charities at the meeting of that organization in Kalamazoo that "Michigan has less poor than half a score of states much smaller and not as many dependent poor as any other state of its size in the union," provides a pleasant holiday reflection for the people of the best state in the union. But the situation to which Dr. Wyman calls attention should be made the incentive to further activity in the directions which have encouraged and assisted such results rather than made use of as a pedestal from which to proclaim our good work and good fortune.

It is just beginning to dawn upon localities in Michigan outside of the immediate zone of beet-sugar manufacture that it was good business sense and not mere sentiment or politics that caused a few of our Michigan congressmen and private citizens, as well as newspapers, to battle desperately against tariff concessions that would weaken sugar beet values in Michigan and would not directly or indirectly help the growers of cane anywhere within the area of American interests. Even a newspaper of importance at Detroit that ridiculed and sneered at every effort of the friends of the sugar beet to say disaster to a young Michigan industry, hasn't a word to say against the "beet sugar barons" now. This delayed awakening comes by reason of the distribution of several million dollars to the farmers of Michigan on sugar beet account, already this season, with more pay days yet to come. And another suggestion of importance is given through these recent large payments to Michigan sugar producers, and that is that more beets and fewer potatoes should be produced in this state, especially in the northern section of the lower peninsula. Potato prices throughout the state are now below the cost of their production and this is a periodical affliction. It would mean millions more for Michigan if the potato farmers who can would include sugar beets as one of their larger crops. If the beet sugar business simply left alone it will soon show itself capable of adding immensely to the prosperity and value of the agricultural interests of Michigan—Saginaw Courier Herald.

Nearly all of the watch signs, probably ninety out of 100, have hands set at 8:18, but comparatively few people know why this is. It is no accident. W. K. Washburn, of New York, was painting a sign for a jeweler of that city when the news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, was received in New York and the later ordered the painter to put upon the dial the hands at the exact time when the fatal shot was fired, namely 8:18, and so they have continued ever since. Whenever you see a sign after this, recall the fact that it points to the fatal moment.

Additional Local Matter

6039 P. O. money orders were drawn during 1906, aggregating over \$60,000.00.

Arthur Fournier will return to the University at Notre Dame, Ind. tomorrow.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will hold a business meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. Roblin, Friday, Jan. 4th.

Judges became a money order office the 1st inst. and the first order drawn was in our favor for a year's subscription to the AVALANCHE.

Mrs. Osborn has gone to the east part of the state to visit her mother and sister, after which she will visit Chicago to study the "New Creations" for the spring trade in ladies' head gear.

The Grayling Association of Men and Boys will hold their next meeting at the G. A. R. Hall next Monday evening. The aims of the Association and its progress will be presented and a business session will follow. All interested are invited to be present at 8 o'clock.

Very shortly after the clock struck seven last Monday night the fire alarm was sounded and the firemen came hustling out into the stinging cold night to see what needed their attention. A potato cellar belonging to Jerome Mills was found to be on fire with a very good headway. It was close to his large barn and their efforts were mainly to save the latter from destruction. The cellar was destroyed. The fire is thought to have originated in the hands of a hobo who had entered it for shelter. In fact, some boys who were near there at the time the fire was first discovered, claim to have seen an individual of such a stamp come forth hurriedly. Gaylord Times.

\$100.00 Reward.

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Our Company has purchased about 10,000 acres of land in the southern part of your County which we intend putting on the market in the spring, selling the same to farmers to settle up your County. The Michigan Central Park Company has sold about 60,000 acres of land in Roscommon County and caused to be sold about 200,000 acres.

A resolution adopted by the Common Council at their last meeting seems to reflect unjustly on County Treasurer Becker, and cause criticism that is not correct. The question arose over the matter of delinquent highway tax that had remained unpaid previous to the incorporation of the Village and has since been collected either by the County Treasurer or the Auditor General. The question as to where such tax belonged, when collected was referred to the Village Attorney, who decided that it should be applied to the highway fund of the road district where it was assessed, and therefore that part of it which was assessed in the territory now comprising the Village, should go to the Village highway fund. It seems that the Common Council thought it the duty of the County Treasurer to make the division and apportionment of these moneys and there is where the mistake occurs. All delinquent tax collected by the County Treasurer in person, or through the Auditor General's office is reported to the township clerk, with the amount on each description of land, which is also given in his report and the clerk reports the amount to the township treasurer and charges it to his account and the amount is divided into the several funds to which it belongs. The contingent township money, the different school districts and the highway fund each having a separate account in the township treasurer's books. It will be seen at once that the County Treasurer has done his full duty in the premises when his report is made as above, and he has paid over the money to the township treasurer, from whom the distribution should be made. The question is between the Council and Township Board, and the County Treasurer is not a party to it.

Frederic Freaks.

Happy New Year! W. W. Batterson is entertaining his nephew and wife from Sanilac county.

Mrs. C. H. O'Neil is entertaining her father and mother from Richmond, Va.

Miss Lotta M. Ingila is spending the holidays with her mother.

Miss Carrie White, who is teaching at Hardgrove has her vacation this week.

Mrs. Frank Burger, who has been sick for the last three months, went to the Bay City Sanatorium last week.

George Horton's baby fell against the stove Sunday, and burnt itself very badly.

Miss Dora Dilley, whose home for many years was here, but now of Traverse City is visiting old friends. She reports her father completely recovered.

Friday morning fire broke out at the Frederic House, caused by sheet

iron, ceiling getting to hot, setting fire to the boards. Considerable damage done to the carpets from water. One thing we can boast about is our female bucket brigade, with timely attention saved the building.

Miss Mable Moore who was keeping books for S. Yates, returned to Ishpeming.

Mrs. W. Coomer, Ray and Ethel are visiting at Mrs. J. Ingles.

A New Year's dinner for the minister at the opera house tomorrow.

Miss Sissie Lewis is taking her holiday outing in the southern part of the state.

Theodore Jendren is the owner of a nice looking team, which he treated himself to Christmas day.

Mrs. Yates is away visiting.

A Christmas tree at the opera house with a very fine program gotten up by the teachers, was enjoyed by all, especially the children.

Lovell's Locals

Dr. Underhill and family have gone east.

Charlie Lee has moved into his new house.

Hugh Oaks of Grayling arrived at this city Monday morning.

George P. Owen was in town today.

Lewis E. Carrier is assisting John Rankin at the Ausable ranch.

Word was received here Monday morning of the death of Andrew Love of St. Louis, Mich.

The first postal order issued at Judge postoffice was in favor of O. Palmer, Grayling, Mich.

DAN.

Tariff Changes and More Freight Cars.

A so-called non-partisan anti-protection, appeal is now being received in nearly all the newspaper offices of the land, the closing sentence of which is this: "Let us do something which will enable us to hold our own in the struggle for world business."

Struggle for world business! Why, what is this blessed country right at this minute is too blamed much business. Instead of struggling for more, it is swelling up, getting red in the face and fairly bursting in the effort to keep from doing more than it can handle. The pretense that it is necessary to make some sudden and radical changes in tariff schedules in order to "hold our own" in business is absurd.

What we need is not tariff changes, but more freight cars to take care of the business we have already got and piling up faster than we can move it to the places where it will do the most good.

It may be thought that tariff changes would do the trick. Instances in this country's economic history have been known when tariff changes have reversed the process, brought more empty freight cars than there was business to use them for. But the fact is generally laid on the side tracks and switches, and the railroads were at their wits' ends, how to provide money to buy paint enough to keep them from falling to pieces where they stood in the sun and storm.

If the tariff tinkers, or anybody else, can devise some scheme to provide enough freight cars without checking the amazing tide of business that is almost sweeping this country off its feet, they can't get about it any too quick. But they will never do it by inviting us to try modified free trade and go into "the struggle for world business." We have got to take care of what we have here at home, first.—Courier-Herald.

The Sugar Beet in Michigan and in Other States of the Union.

The manufacture of beet sugar was carried on in 12 states at the time of the census of 1905. The leading states were Colorado, Michigan and California. The value of products was \$7,198,982 for Colorado, \$5,387,982 for Michigan, and \$4,415,172 for California. These three states produced 69.7 per cent of the total product reported for the United States.

At the census of 1905, Idaho, Ohio, and Wisconsin appeared for the first time among the states engaged in this industry, while Illinois and New Mexico were not shown in the list, although in 1900 factories were in operation in those states.

The states which had the greatest number of factories in 1905 was Michigan, and of the 49 in that state 40 had been established since 1910. Colorado ranked second with 9 active factories, of which only one was in existence in 1900.

The greatest actual increase in value of products in 1905 as compared with 1900, occurred in Colorado, and the next greatest in Michigan.

The largest sugar factory in this country and one of the largest in the world is located in California, which state possesses a larger acreage that is well adapted to the growing of sugar beets than is found in any other state in the union. In California and in Colorado irrigation is used in the growing of beets. In the latter state extensive experiments in feeding cattle and sheep on beet pulp are being carried on and the beet pulp branch of the industry is further advanced here than in any other state. In Michigan also the utilization of the by-products has received considerable attention.

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In Utah the problem of the delivery of beets to the factory has been solved by establishing slicing stations at points 12 to 25 miles distant, and connecting them with the central factory by pipe-lines. The beets from the neighboring country are received at these slicing stations where the juice is extracted and treated with a combination of lime, after which it is forced through the pipes to the factories.

The beet sugar industry seems to be thoroughly established, and the increased production is steadily reducing the amount of sugar imported from other countries. U. S. Department of Commerce and Labor.

Two Pictures.

Ingersoll's Eulogy on Whiskey.

And you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the fest or painted landscapes in the brain of man. It is the mingled sounds of wheat and corn. In you will find the sunshine and the shadow that chased each other over billowy fields; and the breath of June, the carol of the lark, the dew of the night, the wealth of summer, and all night's rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voice of man and maid singing the "Harvest Home," mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it and you will feel within your blood the starry dawns, the dreamy, tawny dawns of perfect days. For forty years this liquid has been within staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of man.

Dr. Buckley's Reply

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet, of painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find a transient sunshine chased by the shadow as cold as Arctic midnight, in which the breath of June grows icy, and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven. Drink it and you shall have 'woe,' 'sorrow,' 'habbling,' and 'wounds' without cause, 'your eyes shall behold strange women,' and 'your heart shall utter perverse things.' Drink it deep and you shall hear the voices of demons shrieking, women wailing, and worse than orphaned children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long, and serpents will hiss in your eyes, coil themselves about your neck, and seize you with their fangs, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stings like an adder. For forty years, this liquid death has been within staves of oak, harmless to you that you may put an enemy in your mouth to steal away your brain, and yet I eat myself, your friend."

As to Uses of Soap.

Can soap be done without? According to a member of the English public, it is quite an unnecessary article, and man may be kept clean with plain water. Nations have risen to greatness without soap. Ancient Rome, our old familiar companion, Rome, knew nothing of soap until she came in contact with the Germans and the Gauls, who used it to brighten the color of the hair. Once or twice soap is mentioned in the Old Testament, but it doesn't mean the only authority that it is today. Painful as it is for Americans who have lived in England to admit, it would be better for general comfort if more soap was used there. Thus, instead of advancing its cost, let it be lessened and so place the cleansing article within the reach of all. But the new soap combo doesn't view the situation in that light precisely. It takes the cake and the public pays.

Cured of Lung Trouble.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. E. Floyd a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at L. Fournier's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The Big Three.

The Greatest Subscription Bargain of the Year.

For a short time we will accept subscriptions as follows:
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Now is the time to subscribe.

Wise Counsel from the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at L. Fournier's drug store. Price 50c.

The Advice of Experience.

"It has sometimes been remarked by the smart of childhood that the only child who reads sooner than the child belonging to a large family, grows up to be a large family. There may or may not be psychological reasons for this; but the story of the small boy of five, who was struggling with his alphabet blocks for the first time, may be enlightening to those who wish for wisdom. The small boy was really rather distressed than otherwise by a large A that fulfilled its usual function of standing for an apple tree; but he had a brother who was nearly eight. 'You leave 'em alone,' advised the brother, 'if you once begin to read you can never leave 'em.'"

How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me. "I apply Buckley's Arctica Salve. It has also been used for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at L. Fournier's drug store.

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Cats' fur has no oily substance in it, and consequently is more easily washed than that of most other animals.

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First Class Rig. Reasonable prices. Special Attention to the Sporting Trade.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A following of your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

School will begin next Monday.

L. Fournier was in Detroit last week on a business trip.

China Ware at cost for the next 10 days at S. H. & Co.

See notice for annual tax sale in our supplement with this issue.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

Highest market price paid for hides. P. V. M. BROS.

25 lbs. pails of International Stock Food \$3.00 at Fournier's Drug Store. Fine watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

Cold Breakers will cure your cold try it. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

Mrs. L. J. Martin, the photographer has issued some fine calendars, unique and artistic.

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Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next year's reading at once.

The AVAVALANCHE gives greeting to all its readers, wishing for each a happy and prosperous year.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest prices, call at the AVAVALANCHE office.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Roblin, with Master "Robbie" went to Bay City last week Wednesday, returning Monday.

FOR SALE—One span heavy mares with harness, sound and kind. Weight 3200 lbs. Direct all inquiries to W. R. S. P. RICHARDSON, Roscommon, Mich.

China Ware at cost for the next 10 days at S. H. & Co.

Walter Nelson resigned for the present from Fournier's drug store, to take a course in the Ferris Institute.

FOR SALE—A first class eight room residence, in good location and good repair, with perfect title. Enquire of O. PALMER.

With eggs at forty cents a dozen, no wonder the hen is enjoying a comfortable life as the country's chief industry.

Four teams wanted to haul logs by the day or by the thousand. A good winters job. Good roads and good grub and good pay. ISADORE VALIAD.

To our advance paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

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LOST A monogram ring marked G. L. G. Finder please leave same at J. W. Sorenson's and receive reward.

Prof. Bradley and family and Miss Bessie Ayers have spent their vacation with friends at Leroy, in this state. They will be home this week.

The board of Supervisors will convene next Monday for the January session, and the new county officers will take their places. If they succeed as well as their predecessors, our people will be satisfied.

Rev. Horner Burns, an Alpena Baptist divine, has resigned his pulpit to enter the printing business. He certainly will get in close touch with the "devil" now at any rate.

Methodist Protestant Church, Grayling, Mich., (south side.) Pastor—R. H. Cunningham. Services as follows: Preaching 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School, 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the above services.

Ladies, whose husbands subscribe for the AVAVALANCHE can get the NEW IDEAL MAGAZINE for 40 cents a year. It is the leader, for the work in the home, in fashion and style, and full instruction.

General Freight and Passenger Agent Winnott, of the Detroit & Mackinac, states that between Laroque and Cheboygan there is fully half a billion feet of merchantable timber. Logging operations are being extensively conducted this winter.

The Michigan Grange, last week, denounced the free distribution of seeds by congressmen as a graft. This expresses the general opinion of farmers and gardeners, the very class for whom the free seed system was instituted, and is clear proof that the free seed system has outgrown all the usefulness it ever had.

A party of Onaway men were out hunting last week when Charles Winley, aged 21, became separated from the rest and they took him for a deer, firing 17 shots before the mistake was discovered. One shot from the gun of his brother, Bert, took effect into the young man's hip and it is doubtful if he recovers.

Take advantage of Sorenson's New Year resolution.

Mrs. J. W. Snively of Roscommon, was visiting with her daughters, Mrs. G. Hall and Mrs. R. Richardson, last week.

Miss Goldie Pond will hand your mail out at the P. O. in place of Willard Hammond, having taken his position.

Willard Hammond and Emil Hanson, graduates of our school, have gone to Big Rapids to begin the course at the Ferris Institute.

The burning out of a chimney in the residence of Julius Rasmussen caused an alarm to be turned in early Sunday evening. No damage was sustained.

Look over the list of lands for sale for delinquent taxes furnished in this issue, and be sure that none of your lands are included. They can be paid before sale and save trouble.

The many friends of Frank Phelps will be pleased to greet him again behind the counter at Fournier's drug store, he having returned from Stanton, where he has been engaged for the past two years.

Fred Kuhn, conductor on a log train near Lewiston, got badly smashed up last Thursday by a rolling log. His left leg received a compound, comminuted fracture, and he was other ways badly bruised. He was sent to the Murphy hospital at Bay City on the night train.

A West Branch lady was looking for her husband and inquired anxiously of the housemaid: "Do you happen to know anything about your master's whereabouts?" "I'm not sure mum," replied the care domestic, "but I think they are in the wash."

DIED—At his home in Beaver Creek Thursday, Dec. 20, Jas. Burton, aged 85 years. Mr. Burton was one of the oldest residents of that section of the country and highly esteemed as a citizen and neighbor. He was a member of Marvin Post No. 240, G. A. R., having served in Co. E-21 Ohio Vol. Inf. for three years during the war of the rebellion. His funeral, Sunday, the 22nd, was largely attended, and he was buried in the cemetery at Pere Cheney.

Thirty-eight postoffice burglaries have been heaped up to the discredit of Michigan during the government's last fiscal year. That number of losses have been officially reported to the postoffice department, and upon all but seven the government has been forced to make allowance to the postmasters for the amounts taken. The total amount, which the government lost in the state through the epidemic of postoffice robberies was \$8,718.

George Hickey met with a very painful accident the first of the week. He purchased a horse at the sale last Saturday, and placed it in the hotel barn. It was a very nervous animal and Geo., being a stranger, stepped into the stall. The animal kicked, knocking his feet from under him and he fell under the horse and was badly trampled on before he was rescued. His face being cut in several places. No bones were broken, however, and he was able to proceed to his home next morning. Roscommon News.

The residents of Beaver Creek held a Christmas tree Tuesday night which was largely attended and a very pleasant evening was spent. The program was opened by prayer by Rev. R. H. Peters, who was present with his family, and who also addressed those present with a few timely and appropriate remarks descriptive of the joyous occasion. We may add that the good Bladder and his family were happily surprised by the substantial gifts received by them from the generously laden tree, and at the close, the committee discovered among the branches, an envelope with his address, which contained \$7. A token of appreciation from friends among whom he has been laboring. Roscommon News.

It is a good plan to know that your chimneys and stove pipes are in safe working order. The tendency to force stoves to their utmost, this nipping weather, is the most natural thing in the world to do, but is fraught with danger not only to property but life if there is a defect anywhere that enables fire to get to the woodwork. Frame buildings burn quickly once they get started. Another good plan is to make sure to economize by saving on insurance. Don't leave gaps between the expiration and renewal of your policies.

The end of the year is at hand and that always is an indication of settling accounts, balancing books, wiping the slate clean, ready for a new deal for 1922. Every merchant, every business man, every farmer, every laborer should make every effort to settle all his outstanding accounts pro and con. This done gives a cheerful outlook for the new year and one goes ahead with cheerfulness to greater activities in business undertakings. It wipes out all concern and bad feelings and lends confidence and hopefulness to all who are square with the world. Settle up—even to the smallest item and thus make yourself happy.

From the Bluffton Ind. Banner: When tired out go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at your best, go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal, go home and practice on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with extra brilliancy go home and light up the whole household.

COMING!

Dr. A. D. Bates, O. P. H. D. and Optician.

The famous eye specialist of Saginaw will test your eyes by means of the latest appliances in the hands of an expert, the only true method to properly detect the errors and defects of the eye. The diagnoses of disease and fitting of glasses, reducing to a certainty all defects of the eye. Dr. A. D. Bates has testimonials from the leading physicians in every town or city he has visited. He is not a cur-al, but an eye specialist, who will make return visits to your town about once a month. The eye is a delicate organ and subject to hundreds of different diseases, so be careful and have a scientific man treat your eyes.

OLD EYES MADE YOUNG

Few people in later life can do without glasses. Strength of vision always fades with advancing years, nature most have help; by using proper glasses, perfect vision may be resumed and retained. Blurred vision, eye-ache, head-ache, these are nature's warnings, sobeware and don't neglect them, come to me for examination, I can give you glasses if you need them, that will help you and at the right prices.

Eyes tested FREE and glasses exchanged free of charge for two years.

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5th and 6th, at Hotel Russell, Grayling, Mich. DR. A. D. BATES, O. P. H. D. and Optician. Home Office, Saginaw, Mich.

A full house greeted the Grayling Dramatic Company at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, "On the Coast of Maine." It is generally conceded that they grow better with every performance.

John Karol, a brother of Mrs. Thos. Nolan, who has been at work in one of Sailing, Hanson and Co's camps, taken suddenly ill on the 28th of December and died in a few hours. The body was taken to Saginaw for burial.

Mrs. G. W. Tyler returned from a pleasant visit to Los Angeles, Cal., last Monday. George met her at Chicago, for the homeward journey. They will go to living in the Fred Sleight residence.

DIED, at his home in St. Louis, Mich., Saturday, Dec. 23, Andrew J. Love. Mr. Love was one of the earliest settlers in this country coming with his parents from Orono, and locating on a homestead in Center Plains township where they lived for several years, and then came to Grayling, from where he moved to St. Louis about six years ago. He was always recognized as an estimable citizen and an honest man. His aged mother survives him, and was with him for some time before his death. He leaves, besides his wife and daughter, his brother, Walter, at Judges Creek and Mrs. Fred Sholts of Beaver Creek and Mrs. Robinson, of Florida. He was buried here in Elmwood Cemetery under the auspices of the local K. O. T. M. M. Lodge of which he was a member. The funeral services being held at the M. E. Church, Rev. Frazee, officiating.

There are too many boys and girls in the country and city, more in the latter than in the former, who are prone to look upon work as beneath them. There are thousands of them on the threshold of maturity who retain the same views and habits which found encouragement in their earlier years. What becomes of this class of people? Some of them awaken and after a desperate struggle overcome the habit and learn to work, to save, and to prepare for the inevitable rainy day. Many of them, however, drift and drift until they become accepted recruits in the hobo army. Then they speedily reach the conclusion that things are mighty unequal in this world, that the advantages are all with the rich, and that a poor man has no show.

Last Saturday night as the Sheriff came home he saw that he had the largest number of boarders that he had had since he had been in office. After he was there awhile and found out that they had brought their own supper and plenty for him, he made up his mind to let them stay. He had his fortune told and seemed to enjoy it, or at least the rest did. After presenting him with a small token, they all went home and thought that was one evening well spent and will know where to go again when they want a good time.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, Dec. 30th.

10:30 a. m. — Preaching.
11:30 a. m. Sabbath School,
6 p. m. C. E. Meeting.
7 p. m. — Preaching.
7 p. m. Wednesday evening, midweek prayer meeting.

M. E. Church.

Next Sunday morning there will be a New Year covenant meeting at the Methodist church and all members of the church and congregation are asked to be present.

A special invitation is also given to all who are not engaged in other churches or Sunday schools.

The subject of the sermon will be "A Great Covenant Day in Israel." In the evening the subject will be "Benedictus—A Pastor's New Year Greetings to his Congregation." All are invited.

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Canned Goods, Spices, Extracts, Coffee &c.

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With Many Thanks

for past favors, and hoping for a continuance of your future patronage.

We wish you, one and all, a Happy and successful

NEW YEAR.

Bring us your Family Receipts. Prescription Work a Specialty.

J. A. MORRISON, Manager.

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DANGER!

Do Not Neglect Your Eyes

NOW, after the Xmas rush, spend a few moments in finding out the condition of your eyes. Bring in the Children. It is IMPORTANT that their eyes be properly looked after by some one competent who can at any time examine and make any and all changes necessary in glasses when prescribed. Do not endanger not only their sight but their health as well by allowing someone not qualified to experiment on them. It costs you nothing to find out. Remember we guarantee a fit.

All Xmas goods still on hand at reduced prices. A large stock of jewelry to select from at all times. Watch and jewelry repairing promptly and properly done.

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Royal does not contain an atom of phosphoric acid (which is the product of bones digested in sulphuric acid) or of alum (which is one-third sulphuric acid) substances adopted for other baking powders because of their cheapness.

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4th Grand Annual

Clearing Sale!

A mighty clearance of surplus stocks. A sale of extraordinary interest. A wind-up of countless lines, in many cases at half the original prices.

Every department comes in for its share of good things. Values that will not be duplicated if you wait until February.

Prior to inventory it is custom with us to close all heavy weight goods at prices lower than cost of material, rather than carry them over. This year is no exception. We have a larger stock than usual, and it is our aim to reduce the same. If prices can be objected to you, we think we have solved the question.

It is a clean sweep—we prefer counting money to merchandise.

| Special Prices on Men's Suits | Ladies' Coats |
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| We have divided our stock of Men's Suits into three lots. Suits worth \$20.00 for \$10.00. Every one a good clean bargain. \$10.00 and \$12.50 suits for \$7.50. A chance for the man who needs an every-day business or dress suit. | We can't describe the many styles, but if you need a coat you will buy without regret. \$25.00 and \$30.00 coats for \$15.00. \$15.00 coats for \$10.00. \$18.00 and \$20.00 coats for \$11.00. Childrens Coats at like reductions. General clean up of Ladies' Skirts. |
| Men's Overcoats | Blankets and Comforters |
| It's the same story—we want the money and you need the coat. All \$18.00 and \$20.00 overcoats at \$12.50. A few fine Kersey overcoats with fur collars and Astrakhan lined, worth \$30 and \$35 for \$22.50. Men's Genuine Cub Bear driving coats worth \$25 at \$18.00. The same reasons apply to our Boy's overcoat overcoats. They are all marked down. | A fine chance for housekeepers who need an extra pair or two of blankets to buy at a saving. Prices heavily reduced. |
| Ladies' Waists | Ladies' Underwear |
| All kinds and styles, specially reduced for our clearing sale. | 1 lot of Zero fleeced underwear regular \$5.00 to close at .39c. 30c fleeced underwear to close at .20c. |

Prices reduced on all Union or two piece garments. Oiling Flannels, Flannellettes, Dress Goods, all at clearing sale prices. Felt slippers and shoes at 1/2 off. Fascinators, Silk Shawls, Hosiery, Underwear, all at clearing sale prices. These are cash sale prices. Full prices for charged goods.

Grayling Mercantile Co.,

LADIES HAND BAGS.

We have just received the latest novelties in Ladies Hand Bags, Purses, Card Cases etc. We have them at all prices. Now is the time to make your selections, while the assortment is complete.

LUCIEN FOURNIER,

THE PIONEER DRUGGIST.

The Kind We Use
The Purest Coffee

Cleaned, roasted, cleaned again, and packed in air-tight cans. Such is Bancroft House Mocha and Java Coffee.

It is blended by experts. It retains its strength, flavor and aroma. It is a top from dust. It is always the same—delicious and satisfying. Put up only in 1 lb. and 8 lb. air-tight cans, at 40 cts. and 75 cts. No other coffee equals this high-grade brand. Ask your grocer for Bancroft House Coffee.

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PRAYING, MICHIGAN.

WILL TRY SOLDIERS.

INDICTED LIEUTENANT AND PRIVATE TO FACE COURTS.

War Department Orders Trial of Men Indicted for Killing Pittsburgh Citizen in 1904—Platinum Found Near Ohio Trench.

The War Department has sent instructions to the office of the United States district attorney in Pittsburgh that the long-delayed case of Lieut. Ralph H. Drury, U. S. A., and Private John Dowd of the Ninth Infantry, under indictment for the killing of William H. Crowley, a citizen of Pittsburgh, be tried without further delay. The case has been hanging fire since the shooting of Crowley, Sept. 18, 1904, when Dowd took refuge in the arsenal, remaining there for three weeks, protected by Lieut. Drury. Lieut. Drury, who was later indicted by Judge Acheson of the Federal Circuit Court, decided that Dowd and Lieut. Drury should be taken over to the civil authorities, and this decision was refused by the United States Supreme Court. Since then the defendants have tried to have a date set for their trial, but without success. According to the military authorities Crowley was detected in the theft of copper roofing belonging to the government and was shot while trying to escape arrest.

BROWNS IN WIFE'S SIGHT.

Man Attempts Rescue of Boy and Girl from Fire.

Before the eyes of his young wife George Davis, aged 25, lost his life in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, an 8-year-old boy, from drowning. The boy went out on the ice of the frozen river, and his mother saw him fall. She ran to the river and saw him sink. She then ran to the house and called for help. The fire department arrived and rescued the boy. The mother was very grateful to the firemen.

PLATINUM FIND STIRS TOWN.

Edison's Birthplace, Milan, O., Makes Discovery in River.

Edison's birthplace, Milan, O., makes a discovery in the river. The discovery was made by a local resident who found a piece of platinum in the river. The discovery is very important because it is the first time that platinum has been found in this area. The discovery has caused a great deal of excitement in the town.

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Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 stolen by William C. Anderson, former assistant paying teller of the First National bank of Kansas City, who was arrested in Austin, Texas, last week, has been found in Austin. The exact amount recovered is not known.

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A plot of the Mafia, which has been working for some time in New Orleans for years, resulted in the murder of six Italians, whose bodies were found the other day in a tenement house on Dumaine street, in that city. The bodies were burned. Such a paucity has been created among Italians as a result of the discovery that it was necessary to send every reserve policeman in the city to the tenement house. Even then there was so much excitement that the officers could not cope with the situation and all able-bodied men were ordered to the scene to assist in maintaining order. There has not been so much excitement in the Italian colony since the wholesale killings of Italian immigrants several years ago. The murders are believed to have been committed during the early part of the night, and there is every indication that they were carefully planned. As no screams from the victims were heard it is believed many men participated in the slaughter and that all the victims were struck down at the same time. The bodies were literally hacked to pieces. Those which were burned were probably set on fire after the murders had been committed.

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AMERICANS AND MEXICANS ARE SLAUGHTERED.

Col. H. B. Maxson Arrives from State of Sonora with Account of Killings Along Cumanan Railroad—Nicholas Bank Burglar Caught.

Col. H. B. Maxson, vice president of the National Irrigation Congress and secretary of the board of education of Reno, Nev., who has been spending the past few weeks in the State of Sonora, Mexico, arrived in Los Angeles with the story of a massacre of Mexicans and other whites at the little station of Llancho, on the Cumanan, Yaqui River and Pacific. According to the statement of Maxson, his train stopped an hour at Llancho. While there rumors were received that the Yaquis were on the warpath and that the few people in the neighborhood of the station were in danger. The stationmaster, Thompson, believed the matter, and said he and his wife would remain at their post. The train bearing Col. Maxson and party had been gone longer than an hour when the Yaquis descended on the little party of Mexicans and Americans and butchered four. Station Agent Thompson and his wife escaped by boarding a work train that pulled in at the time. The train appeared after Thompson and his wife had defended themselves. The train bearing Col. Maxson and party ran to a station about fifteen miles from Llancho. The Yaquis, who were the cause of the uprising, became more alarming, the party decided to return. The train started back toward Llancho, and when it arrived the station house had been burned, and four bodies lay along the track. Four more bodies of Mexicans and Americans were discovered along the tracks a few miles away. The latter band at this station had been able to repulse the Yaquis with the loss of few of their number. The remaining members of the company refused to leave on the train, but said they could stand off the Indians until the next day, when the rurales would arrive and summary justice would be meted out to the murderers if they were captured.

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MATRIMONIAL JARS

But Quickly Found Separation Was Inconvenient, So Patched Up

There had quarreled—and parted—rowling to meet no more. She had packed up her trunk and her dog and all the bric-a-brac and the sofa pillows and gone, not home to mother, but back to her girlhood boarding-house. He had put on his hat and hurried out to meet the boys. The hat looked as though a whitehead had struck it.

As she rose wearily the next morning after a sleepless night, she came gradually to the full realization that she was a grass widow. Ah, that was a relief. No more quarrels, no more weary nights of waiting for him to come home from the club. No more—oh, well, she guessed she could earn her own spending money. She was free to do as she pleased. With that thought she started to dress. She pulled on her stockings and shoes. A glance at the latter convinced her that she had been neglecting herself. The toes were almost gray for want of polish.

She pulled things out of her valise and the top of her trunk in a rapid search for shoe polish. When it suddenly occurred to her that she had a drop of it. She never had had any. In fact, she always used Tom's.

Then she took out a nice clean shirt-waist and a smart stiff collar. She had struggled into the shirtwaist and buttoned it down the front, when she discovered, to her great dismay, that she hadn't such a thing as a collar button. She searched and searched, but when you've been in the habit of depending on a man for collar buttons for two years you get out of the habit of carrying them around with you. Impatiently she jerked the stiff shirt-waist off and looked for something else. She thought for a moment that she would put on her Peter Pan suit, but with a Peter Pan you have to wear a smart four-in-hand tie, and she had always used Tom's four-in-hand.

O, very well! She pulled out a dainty muslin waist with an attached collar and slipped her arms into it. Alas! it buttoned up the back. She struggled on, she had fastened two buttons and then twisted and turned, but it wouldn't budge. She had worked herself into a dripping perspiration and nearly strained her spirit wrist, there still remained two unfastened buttons at the bottom of her back. She was in the middle of her back when the two front buttons had always buttoned. She finished dressing in a horrible consciousness of her own back and wondered what time it was. Alas, she had forgotten to take the family clock. O, it was now only three with his watch. She wrote to Tom and ask him to send the clock. After five minutes' search she found the stub of a pencil somewhere at the bottom of her valise. The pencil had no point. Vaguely she looked about. She knew there was something she wanted. It was Tom's razor—to sharpen that pencil.

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He wondered why his heart seemed to grow suddenly so much lighter, but he went inside and wrote this answer as quickly as he could:

"Dear Girl—Come back home and bring your powder-puff and the scissors and the needles, have anything"

UNDER ANOTHER NAME

By GRACE BRUTON

"Back up, old man! No use falling down before trouble. Anyway, nothing's ever so bad as it seems at first. Tell me the story and perhaps we can find a way out."

The two men had not met for some time. Jackson, passing through the city on a business trip, had entered Drew's office to surprise him with a letter in his hands, crushed by black depression. Old friends—and comrades, he longed to help.

"The only way out of this trouble," answered Drew, glad of the relief of confession, "is a way that—that the other party won't consent to. Yes, it's a woman, of course, and such a woman, Jackson!—there isn't such another in the world, I know."

She's on the stage, has a small part in one of the plays that have run all summer. I saw the show and fell in love with her in a moment. Then I pulled wires until I worked a formal introduction. She allowed me to call upon her, we talked books and music. The company's going out of town shortly, so I rushed a proposal.

And then?—prompted Jackson, as the other's heart again sought the shelter of his arms.

And then?—repeated Drew, with an accent like a sob, "she told me of her marriage. She passes for an unmarried woman on the stage, and I, like a fool, never thought that in private life things might be different. I don't know her married name, she wouldn't tell me, because she says she loved her husband when she married him. So a good man and still loves her, and she wouldn't dream of getting a divorce from him, though she admits at she loves me better. We're made for each other, Jackson, and it was a cruel trick of fate to give her to the man first, or to make her so—so that she won't let him go."

Jackson's strong hand was pressed out on his friend's shoulder.

Well, he said, his sensible matter of fact manner calming the other like a sedative. Don't worry for the husband and poor beggar, but if he's a man, a man who doesn't love him any more, though—God! but it's tough on him, isn't it? If he really is a decent fellow? But still, if he knew he'd let go or not, just because he's a man and loves her, he'd let her go. He'd let her go, but for that reason, and because he's always been so good to her, she can't bear to tell him. So she's got to suffer, so I see, since there must be a divorce in her manner toward him, and to me, in his place I'd want to know."

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"Well?" asked the grim-faced man of business.

"Well, Mr. Prater, I thought perhaps you might give me a satisfactory reply to my request and—"

"Wait a minute," said Mr. Prater, taking up a bundle of papers and looking through them. "Are you the man that sent this account for \$50 for hats to my daughter?"

"No, sir."

"Then you are the one that left this bill for \$100 for her dresses?"

"No, sir. My commu—"

"Then yours must be this note for \$10 for shoes, and—"

"No, sir. My note was one asking if I might have your daughter's name."

"You want to marry her?" Mr. Prater gasped. Then, turning the pile of bills over in his hands, he urged: "Take her, young man. I don't know your name, but take her quickly! She's talking about doing some more shopping."—Chicago Journal.

Courage-Promoters.

"Women," remarked Wedderly, "are a great incentive to manly courage."

What's the explanation? queried his friend Singleton.

"Well," replied Wedderly, "since I've been up against the matrimonial game and had a few city with my wife, the prospect of a scrap with the toughest citizen in town seems like mere child's play to me."—Chicago Daily News.

After the Ice Man.

The great astrologer pointed to an ominous group of stars.

"They tell me that you will be robbed by a dark man before another month," whispered the prophet. "Have you any idea who this dark man can be?"

The domestic man smiled sadly.

"The coal-man, of course," he sighed. —Chicago Daily News.

Perfectly Clear.

His Coachman—Professor, why is it that the moon allus shows the same face?

The Professor—That is due to the circumstances that its revolution upon its axis is coincident with the revolution it makes in its orbit.

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Evidently in Earnest.

Gotham Dame—Do you think Mr. Nicholson is in earnest?

Daughter—I guess so. He asked me last evening which one of your daughters was your pet, and I told him I thought if all three were married you would rather live with Clara or Dora than me.—N. Y. Weekly.

Satisfactory.

Deacon Smith—Well, what did you think of the new minister?

Deacon Jones—He's all right. Not quite so long winded as the old one.

Deacon Smith—That's as it should be. I prefer a doctor of divinity who administers homeopathic doses. —Chicago Daily News.

WANTED TO KNOW.

Not Knowing.

"That San Francisco disaster was a terrible thing, wasn't it?"

"Oh, I don't know; it separated my rich uncle from his money and I got it."

"What became of your uncle?"

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Meaning, therefore, Morrell. Why don't you crush me. Later with a dream. You let. I'll say. "The place." "What kind?" "Or apple, coconut, or peach, or plum, Pumpkin, custard, mince, raisin—yum. I'm not anything, my dear, so long as I'm with you."—Philadelphia North American.

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Mr. Rounder—Does your Cousin George take as much interest in horse racing as he used to?

Mrs. Rounder—Yes, indeed, George can always tell the day before a race which horse ought to win, and the day after why he didn't.—Rochester Democrat.



His Court.

"Why, I thought you told me you had nine rivals in here," said the visitor.

"I see only two," answered the turkey. "The one with the ragged beard is a horse thief. The one with the smooth face is a bank robber, who would steal me if he had the chance."—Chicago Daily News.

His Labors in Washington.

"Well," said the beautiful girl, "it will soon be time for you to return to your labors in Washington, won't it, senator?"

"Oh, I got all that," he replied. "I'm paired with Senator Plumb again, and we intend to spend the winter fishing along the coast of Florida."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Feminine Way.

"A woman," remarked the cynical bachelor, "seldom says what she thinks."

"That's right," remarked the man who had been married so long that he had to comb his hair with a towel, "she only says what she thinks she thinks."—Chicago Daily News.

Not Knowing.

"That San Francisco disaster was a terrible thing, wasn't it?"

"Oh, I don't know; it separated my rich uncle from his money and I got it."

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Frank Miles Day, the well-known architect and essayist of Philadelphia, stepped carefully from a Persian rug of rich blue, for the polished floor between was dark and smooth and slippery like ice.

That's a good polish there, I think," said Mr. Day's host.

"Remarkably good, indeed," said Mr. Day.

The host just then slipped and nearly fell, and the architect, with a laugh, went on:

"A friend of mine has beautiful floors, and the other day sent for a floor polisher."

"I want these floors polished," he said to the man, as he led him about the house. "They are, you perceive, fine ones. They ought to come out as lustreous as rosewood. Do you think you're capable of doing them justice? Give me some proof of your thorough competence."

"That's easily done, sir," the polisher replied. "You just go and ask Col. Snow next door but one, about my work. He'll tell you why, governor."

The Wrong Number.

Patrick, lately over, was working in the yards of a railroad. One day he happened to be in the yard office when the force was out. The telephone bell rang vigorously several times, and he at last decided it ought to be answered. He walked over to the instrument, took down the receiver and put his mouth to the transmitter, just as he had seen others do.

"Hello!" he called.

"Hello!" answered the voice at the other end of the line. "Is this eight-al-one-five-nine?"

"Aw, gwan! Phwat d'yo tink O' am a box car?"—Harper's Magazine.

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